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- a. Soviet troops, mostly Air Force, are now occupying Parcul Filipescu, Delavrancea and Jiamu quarters of Bucharest, also the section near the North railroad station.
- b. About 40 Soviet jets are located on the Pipera airfield. The Soviets are rushing new construction at Otopeni, assembling planes there. A Soviet searchlight unit with over 100 searchlights is stationed at Otopeni.
- c. Several Rumanian and Soviet anti-aircraft units are now stationed north of Bucharest along the road toward Ploesti. One Rumanian battery is located two kilometers west of Otopeni, and other units are located near Pucheni and in Campina. A Soviet anti-aircraft unit is in position near Brazii de Sus and Brazii de Jos areas and other units are around Ploesti.
- d. A Soviet tank unit is located in the Rumanian cavalry barracks at Ploesti. Other Soviet units occupy the former Rumanian Army quarters in Ploesti. All Rumanian troops except the Securitate have moved out of Ploesti.
- e. The evacuation of civilians in sections of Stalin (Brasov) and Sibiu took place about 1 April 1951. The expected Soviets have not yet arrived in these two areas. In Galati the Soviets have requisitioned Rumanian barracks, hotels, military hospital and some schools for troops which have already arrived. Many of these troops seem to be Air Force personnel. They occupy the Galati civilian airfield. Only transport and liaison planes have been seen at this field. A new airfield is reported near Baldoivnesti (Braila). All Rumanian troops

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except the Militia and Securitate have moved out of Galati.

- f. Although only a few Soviets have arrived in Braila, evacuation of civilians is taking place. A Romanian bridge building regiment has moved to Harsova.
- g. A severe purge of the Militia took place between 25 and 30 March 1951; in contrast the Securitate is being increased. Since March 1951 the Securitate has riding patrols on the main railroad lines and highways. All districts in the main cities now have a Securitate cavalry platoon. Fixed guard posts are stationed at all railroad tunnels, bridges, and main railroad crossings. About 25 March 1951, railroad switchmen around Bucharest were replaced by Soviets who are quartered in the city with their families.
- h. Since March 1951 the Bucharest meat ration is distributed only to blood donors.

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